

SR 99 NORTH MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR STUDY

Questions and Answers

Why is Seattle's State Route 99 North corridor under study?

Traffic accidents and traffic congestion have prompted a corridor study to improve an eightmile section of State Route (SR) 99 in Seattle, Washington.

Also called Aurora Avenue North and Highway 99, the section of SR 99 under study extends from downtown Seattle (the Battery Street Tunnel) up to the city of Shoreline (North 145th Street).

Several sections of the corridor have been identified as high accident locations, due to the number, severity and cost of the accidents.



What will the study accomplish?

The SR 99 North Multi-Modal Corridor Study will develop a long range plan for corridor improvements to improve safety and mobility for drivers, transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The road design characteristics (speed limit, type of median, etc.) and adjacent land uses (commercial, residential, multi-family, etc.) vary over the length of the corridor. Since the characteristics of the corridor vary, the corridor will be studied in segments that reflect the location's unique characteristics. The study will develop recommendations to address traffic accidents, congestion, and road design issues for each section then combine them into an overall plan for the corridor.

Who is conducting the study?

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is conducting the study in partnership with the City of Seattle, City of Shoreline and King County Metro Transit.

The study is guided by three study committees as well as public input. The Policy Steering Committee and Technical Steering Committee include staff from WSDOT, the City of Seattle, King County Metro Transit, and the City of Shoreline. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from local community and business interests.

What is the study's schedule?

The SR 99 North Multi-Modal Corridor Study has three major components: identification of transportation needs; development of a range of corridor improvement alternatives to address identified needs; and selection of a preferred corridor alternative for development into a long range plan. Upon completion of the study, a final report will be developed documenting study steps.

Date	Project Activities
07/01-12/01	Identification of Transportation Needs
	 Community recommendations Existing & future levels of congestion High accident locations Substandard road design issues
12/01 - 06/02	Development of Improvement Alternatives
	• Develop range of improvement alternatives • Screen alternatives using evaluation criteria
06/02-11/02	 Improvement Plan Selection of a preferred corridor improvement alternative Analysis of roadway operations for preferred improvement alternative
11/02 - 01/03	Final Report

How Can I Find Out More About the Study?

The Washington State Department of Transportation will hold two open houses to receive public input on the study. The open houses will be held at the from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6523 Phinney Avenue North.

Community Meetings	Meeting Objectives
Open House March 20, 2002	Present range of improvement options
Open House June 26, 2002	Present proposed improvement plan

Citizens can also find out more about the study and be added to the study mailing list by visiting our website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/mobility/sr99 or by contacting WSDOT by phone: (206) 464-5878; by e-mail at sowersn@wsdot.wa.gov; or by fax at (206) 464-6084.

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What's the Future of Seattle's SR 99 North?



The Washington State Department of Transportation is leading a study to address safety issues and traffic congestion on State Route 99 North.